Rajasthan by the Medical College and Hospital authorities of Udaipur.

(ii) One accidental death occurred due to ingestion of Aluminium phosphide in Kurukshetra District (Haryana).

(d) The Registration Committee constituted under the insecticides Act, 1968, has already taken action by restricting the sale and use of Aluminium phosphide keeping in view the risk benefit ratio as mentioned in reply to part (b) of the Question

(e) According to known information no antidote of Aluminium phosphide is available so far.

(f) Aluminium phosphide is an essential fumigant for the control of insectpests of foodgrains. The Government has already imposed desired restrictions on the sale and use of Aluminium phosphide, as mentioned in reply to part (b) of the Question

New Thrust in Housing Programme

3857. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently given any new thrust in the Housing Programmes, if so, what is the provision of loans in urban areas as well as rural areas;

(b) whether the Central Government have taken any special programme to construct houses for slums in the major cities in the international year of shelter for Homeless and what are these cities; and

(c) whether it is fact that there is spurt of slum dwellers in major cities like Delhi Bombay, Ahmedabad, Calcutta and Madras if so, what steps are under taken by Government to mitigate the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Keeping in view the complexities of the housing problem and to give a new thrust a comprehensive National Housing policy expounding the objectives, priorities and strategies for promoting a sustained development of housing is in the process of formulation A National Housing Bank is being set up to make available easy access of finance in the housing sector.

(b) Housing and Urban Development are State subjects and the State Govts /U.T Admns have been given full powers to implement all the Social Housing Schemes keeping in view their requirements and plan priorities. Since the problem of slums is related to managements of urban land and planned economic growth which are State subjects, appropriate schemes are formulated and implemented only by the State Govts. The Central Govt provides guidelines and formulates various schemes to assist the State Govts. in their efforts. The emphasis has gradually shifted from a policy of slum clearance to that of environmental improvement of urban slums

(c) Yes, Sir. Point No. 15 of the 20-Point Programme has been designated as the National Demonstration Project under IYSH for the improvement of slums Funds are made available to the State Govts. for improving the environmental conditions in urban slums by providing basic infrastructure such as electricity roads street-light, etc.

Rise in the prices of pulses

3868. SHRI J P GOYAL: Will the minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has some buffer stock of pulses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the increasing prices of pulses in the market resulting in great hardships to the common man; and

(d) what steps Government have taken in this regard and utilise the reserve stock of pulses for bringing down their prices in the market?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The Central Government does not have any buffer stock of pulses.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government is aware of significant increase in the prices of pulses and has taken several measures to check rise in prices and improve their availability. Import of pulses is allowed under Open General Licence Government have asked National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) and State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) to import some quantity of pulses. For maintaining supplies and for securing equitable distribution and availability of pulses at fair prices, the Govervent have recently reduced the stock limits of pulses to be stored by wholesalers and retailers. The import duty on pulses has also been reduced.

Eucalyptus Plantation

3869. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few years back farmers had taken to eucalyptus plantation in a big way;

(b) whether the return therefrom has been much less than the projected figures given by Government while motivating the farmers;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the estimated decline in eucalyptus and popular plantations during the last year as compared to the year before?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Farmers have taken to Eucalyptus planting in a big way in some areas of the country.

(b) to (d) In the absence of studies and surveys about the economics of and area coverage under Eucalyptus plantations on farmers' fields, no information is available.

उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के भांडागार

3870. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के कितने भांडागार है तथा ये किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थित है ;

(ख) क्या चालू वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में कुछ और भंडागारों का निर्माण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री एच०के०एल० भगत) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश मे भारतीय खाद्य निगम की जिन केन्द्रों में स्वयं अपनी अथवा किराये की ढकी हुई भंडारण क्षमता है, उनकी संख्या 152 है । इन केन्द्रों के स्थानों को बताने वाला एक विवरण संलग्न है । [देखिए परिशिष्ट CXLIV, अनुपत्र संख्या 163]